1 2 3 4 5 Honorable Judge Benjamin Settle 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA 9 CLYDE RAY SPENCER 10 No. C11-5424BHS Plaintiff, 11 PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE MOTIONS IN v. 12 LIMINE IN EXCESS OF 18 DETECTIVE SHARON KRAUSE, and **PAGES** 13 SERGEANT MICHAEL DAVIDSON, **NOTICE DATE: Friday,** 14 Defendants. November 15, 2013 15 16 NOW COMES Plaintiff, Clyde Ray Spencer, by and through his attorneys, Kathleen T. 17 Zellner & Associates, P.C., and hereby moves this Honorable Court for leave to file motions in 18 limine in excess of 18 pages, and in support thereof states as follows: 19 Trial in this matter is scheduled to proceed January 7, 2014. 1) 20 Motions in limine are due December 2, 2013. 2) 21 22 Plaintiff seeks leave to file motions in limine in excess of the 18 page limit 3) 23 imposed by LCR 7(3)(5). 24 4) As this Court is aware the instant lawsuit involves, inter alia, the alleged 25 malicious prosecution of Plaintiff stemming from criminal charges filed in 1985. 26 underlying criminal proceedings span more than 25 years. During that time several personal 27 Kathleen T. Zellner & Associates, P.C. PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE MOTIONS IN LAW OFFICES 1901 Butterfield Road

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restraint petitions were filed in state court, and a petition for writ of habeas corpus was filed and litigated in federal court. As a result an extensive amount of discovery has taken place, including the disclosure of more than 15,000 documents between the parties.

- 5) Additionally, this Court has ruled on various summary judgment motions, dismissing several parties and narrowing Plaintiff's causes of action.
- 6) Due to the procedural posture of the case and the large volume of potential "evidence" that could be offered by the defense, numerous motions in limine are needed to properly limit the evidence to the issues that remain to be resolved by the jury at trial.
- 7) Plaintiff thus seeks an order granting him leave to file motions in limine not to exceed 32 pages.
- Plaintiff's aim is not to burden this Court or the defense with unnecessary pretrial matters, but rather to avoid prejudice, confusion, and delay at trial. Further, in accordance with LCR 7(d)(4), Plaintiff's counsel will confer in good faith with defense counsel regarding which evidentiary matters are truly in dispute.

## **Conclusion**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests an order granting him leave to file motions in limine not to exceed 32 pages.

Respectfully submitted,

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